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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION LONDON PARIS BONN ROME OSLO COPENHAGEN
THE HAGUE BRUSSELS LUXEMBOURG LISBON ATHENS ANKARA MADRID
BERN VIENNA DUBLIN STOCKHOLM OTTAWA NATO TOKYO INFO MUNICH
STRASBOURG HELSINKI MOSCOW WARSAW PRAGUE BUDAPEST BELGRADE
BUCHAREST SOFIA VALLETTA REYKJAVIK OECD PARIS BRUSSELS,
JULY 17, FROM SECSTATE RPTD TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY

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1. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TODAY VOTED BY 13-3
IN FAVOR OF ADMINISTRATION BILL AUTHORIZING: 1) FEDERAL
GRANTS TO RFE AND RL IN FY 1974 AND 1975, 2) ESTABLISHMENT
OF PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROAD-
(ASTING TO ADMINISTER ASSISTANCE, 3) \$50.3 MILLION FY 74
FUNDING, AS REQUESTED, INCLUDING \$49.9 MILLION IN GRANTS TO
STATIONS. ONLY CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BILL
WAS ADDITION OF STIPULATION THAT NAMES OF PRIVATE US DONORS
AND AMOUNTS OF CONTRIUBTIONS BE MADE PUBLIC.

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2. PRIOR TO FINAL VOTE ON BILL SENATOR CASE PROPOSED

AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE LIMITED AUTHORIZATION TO ONE YEAR AND REDUCED FY 74 LEVEL TO \$39.6 MILLION, FINAL LEVEL OF FY 73 APPROPRIATION. AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED 9-6.

3. FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION IS IMPORTANT ALTHOUGH NOT YET DECISIVE INDICATOR OF CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION RFE AND RL BROADCASTS AND MAJOR USG SUPPORTIVE ROLE. COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO SUPPORT FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO REFLECTED AWARENESS THAT DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR SINCE FEBRUARY 1973 HAS ADDED MORE THAN \$5 MILLION TO STATION COSTS FOR FY 74. NONETHELESS, IMPORTANCE OF EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATIONS WAS RECURRENT THEME AMONG BOTH SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF ADMINISTRATION ENLL. FOLLOWING COMMITTEE VOTE TODAY SENATOR PERCY, WHO CO-SPONSORED BILL, EMPHASIZED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ESSENTIALITY, FROM VIEWPOINT FUTURE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES, BROAD EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN BEARING FULL COST OF RFE/RL RESEARCH.

4. IN PROVIDING ABOVE INFORMATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS WEST EUROPE YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT ADMTNISTRATION, U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESS CONTINUE VALUE UNIQUE ROLE OF STATIONS IN MAINTAINING FLOW OF INFORMA ON TO AND AMONG PEOPLE OF EAST EUROPE AND SOVIET UNION. IT SHOULD ALSO BE STRESSED THAT \$50.3 FY 1974 MILLION LEVEL IS BY NO MEANS SECURE, BECAUSE HOUSE HAS ALREADY PASSED APPROPRIATION AT \$45 MILLION LEVEL AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS (OMMITTEE MAY NOT EXCEED THIS. THEREFORE, EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF STATION RESEARCH COSTS STILL VERY MUCH NEEDED FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. NEXT YEAR, WE EXPECT APPROPRIATION TO BE COITIONED BY CONGRESS ON EXISTENCE OF SATISFACTORY EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION. RUSH

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